

**HITCH DEVELOPS
IN BRITISH STRIKE****Day of Great Excitement in London—Pump Men Still Idle**

London, April 7.—A day of great excitement which looked as though it were leading to amicable negotiations to find an issue to the wage dispute in the coal crisis, closed with still another hitch owing to insistence on the part of the government that resumption of pumping operations at the mines must be preliminary to any negotiations. The first meeting of the government with the miners and mine owners had been set for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the board of trade and meanwhile all question of action for the triple alliance had been temporarily suspended. Then the prime minister made the announcement in the house of commons that the miners' federation had informed him that it was unable to see its way clear to instruct the pump men to resume work during the negotiations. Mr. Lloyd George added that the negotiations could not proceed unless this obstacle was overcome.

Whether the premier's statement will permanently block negotiations is not quite certain. Frank Hodges, one of the leaders of the miners, referring to the matter tonight, said he did not regard the question of negotiations as hopeless. Another favorable indication is that the premier has written to the miners' executive asking them to meet him early tomorrow morning at his Downing street residence.

Mr. Hodges, who was seen before this request, was known, expressed the opinion that such a condition as requiring the pump men to resume was quite necessary and ought not to bar negotiations. He added that the miners' executives would meet at 10 o'clock in the morning to consider the situation and strong hopes are expressed that these preliminary discussions may enable the board of trade meeting to proceed as fixed.

The general feeling is that the trouble about pumping is due to suspicions harbored by both sides, but that it is not serious enough to prove a permanent obstruction to negotiations. There is no cessation of the precautionary measures taken by the government, however, or by the miners, transport workers and other labor bodies to be prepared for all emergencies.

The various conferences of the parties concerned are being retained in suspended animation and preparations are being continued locally for any needful steps should the proposed negotiations break down. It is assumed that Lord Derby's suggestion, which had already been made by Alfred Bigland, Coalition Unionist from Birkhead, carried great weight from the government and probably induced the offer to negotiate.

**MEXICANS SAID TO HAVE
TORN U. S. FLAG TO SHREDS**

Tampa, Fla., April 7.—Captain S. H. Jackson, master of the American schooner Telegram, arrived here today from Vera Cruz, Mexico, via Havana, to take up with officials of the United States his charges that Mexicans at Alverado, 40 miles from Vera Cruz, had torn an American flag to shreds, refused to aid him and his crew when they were forced ashore after the vessel was wrecked and refused to help get the vessel out of the harbor on March 6, last. The Mexican consul here has reported the matter to Mexican representatives at Washington.

FARMERS FOR REPORT

Chicago, April 7.—Representatives of the farmers of the country in convention tonight voted unanimously to accept the report of the committee of 17 which provided for formation of a cooperative agency to market the nation's grain.

The report was adopted after a two day fight in which various delegates sought to have it amended so that pooling of grain by the farmers would be compulsory instead of optional as provided in the report. An amendment to that effect was defeated late tonight by a vote of 61 to 38.

Another amendment offered by Carl Williams of Oklahoma that the pooling be made compulsory in states where wheat is the predominating grain also was defeated.

**NO SURRENDER COMES
FROM UNITED STATES****Although Not Party To Treaty Of Versailles Government Reserves All Rights, Says State Department Communication To Other Nations.**

Washington, April 7.—The American government, although not a party to the treaty of Versailles, has surrendered none of its rights in the overseas possessions of Germany secured to the principal allied and associated powers by that treaty, the governments of Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy are informed by Secretary Hughes in similar notes dispatched by the state department last Monday.

Specifically, the communication deals with the award to Japan by the supreme council at Paris May 7, 1919, of a mandate over the island of Yap, an important cable center in the Pacific ocean and Mr. Hughes says the American government "trusts that this action, which it must assume was taken under a misapprehension, will be reconsidered."

The notes are the first important diplomatic communications penned by the new secretary of state and they make it plain that the change of administrations in Washington has resulted in no modification of the previous position of the United States that, as one of the principal contributors to the common victory over Germany, it must insist upon the exercise of its full rights in the disposition of the former German possessions.

Only one of the communications—that to Great Britain—was made public. Those to France and Italy are understood to be substantially the same, but the state department in giving out the note to the London foreign office tonight, explained that the note to Japan contained "additional paragraphs referring to previous correspondence between the two governments." It added that the correspondence with Tokyo "is not made public at this time," but no official explanation was forthcoming.

Reply to Tokyo

The note to Japan is in reply to one on the subject of Yap received from that country March 2. This communication and those to the other three allied powers were supplemental to previous notes on this subject from the United States to those governments and also to the council of the league of nations. The series was begun by Secretary Colby November 9 after the international communications conference had convened here to dispose finally of the former German cables seized by the allies at the outbreak of the war.

Asserting that "there could be no valid or effective disposition of the overseas possessions of Germany now under consideration without the assent of the United States" Secretary Hughes points out that the treaty of Versailles does not "purport to secure to Japan or to any other nations any right in the overseas possessions of Germany save as an equal right therein should be secured to the United States."

"On the contrary," he says, "Article 119 of the treaty of Versailles provides: 'Germany renounces in favor of the principal allied and associated powers all her right and titles over her overseas possessions.' It will not be questioned that one of the principal allied and associated powers in whose favor Germany renounces her rights and titles is the United States. Thus not only the position of the government of Japan derives no strength from the treaty of Versailles but the terms of that treaty confirm the position of the government of the United States."

**EXPRESS TRIAL WILL
END TOMORROW**

Macon, Ga., April 7.—Federal Judge Beverly D. Evans will deliver his charge to the jury tomorrow morning in the cases of 45 men on trial here on charges of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express Company of more than \$1,000,000 worth of merchandise.

**CHARLESTON TERMINAL CO.
DUE \$50,000 FROM GOV'T**

Washington, April 7.—The interstate commerce commission today certified to the secretary of the treasury that under the six months guarantee, \$50,000 was due to the Charleston Terminal company South Carolina.

**MAN CONFESSES
PART IN MURDER****Says He and Another Killed Elwell. Woman Caused Crime.**

Buffalo, N. Y., April 7.—Roy Harris, arrested here this evening on a charge of forgery, signed a statement to the effect that he and another man killed Joseph B. Elwell in New York last June.

Harris says that he and a friend William Dunklin, were accosted on the street by a chauffeur they knew who told them he had a woman passenger who might pay them well for a job. They got in and drove about with the woman, who said her name was Mrs. Fairchild and promised them \$5,000 each to kill Elwell. She gave them \$50 each an account and the next morning met them on West Seventieth street where she let them in with a key. Harris alleges Dunklin shot Elwell. The woman, he said, gave them \$450 each and promised the rest of the money later. Harris says he never got any more and suspects his pal "double crossed" him. He fled the city when the tragedy excited such widespread interest.

The man had been staying at a hotel here with his wife since Tuesday.

An acquaintance tipped the local police off that he was wanted in St. Catharines, Ont., for alleged forgery and he was arrested. As he was being brought into the station he said: "That check thing was all settled. I know what you want me for. It is the Elwell murder."

New York, April 7.—Police headquarters here was notified tonight of the arrest of Roy Harris in Buffalo and his alleged confession that he took part in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell here last June, but official comment was withheld pending the receipt of further details.

So far as is known the name of "Mrs. Fairchild" mentioned in the alleged confession, has never been brought into the case before.

From outward appearances the murder of Elwell has remained to date an impenetrable mystery.

The night of June 10, 1920, Elwell attended a dinner party in a large hotel with several friends and after went with them to a midnight roof garden show, where they remained until 1:30 a. m. Members of the dinner party told police Elwell then bid them "good night" and started to walk home.

**CHANGES IN THE
EXTENSION FORCE**

Clemson College, April 5.—The following changes in the working force of the Extension Service have been announced by Assistant Director D. W. Watkins.

L. C. Madison has been appointed county agent for Williamsburg County with headquarters at Kingstree. He began his duties March 20. Mr. Madison was formerly a livestock specialist of the Extension Service at Clemson College and has also served both before and after coming to Clemson with the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. During the last year he has been a special field agent with the American Poland China Record Association. His varied experience, especially in animal husbandry work, should make him an excellent agent for Williamsburg County in view of the livestock development in that section.

L. S. Wolfe has been appointed county agent for Orangeburg County with headquarters at Orangeburg and began work on April 1. He takes the place of W. T. Kyzer, who resigned recently to become secretary of the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Mr. Wolfe is a graduate of Clemson College, was county agent in Orangeburg County for a number of years and was recognized as one of the best county agents in the south.

W. A. Rowell, who for several years has been county agent of Abbeville County, resigned his position on April 1, and has been appointed agent in dairying in the Extension Service to give special attention to the work of promoting and organizing bull associations.

An Illinois farmer found a pearl between the toes of a hog recently. The gem was sold for \$800 recently to a local jeweler. The unusual find is explained by the fact that the farmer had been feeding his swine mussel meat, which he had obtained from clam diggers.

**FLORIDA SHERIFF
THWARTS CROWD****Quick Thinking Probably Saves Prisoner—Negro in Tampa Jail—Polk County Officer Swears in Members of Mob as his Deputies**

Tampa, Fla., April 7.—A force of armed guards was placed within the Hillsborough county jail tonight as a precaution against the possibility of an effort being made by the mob to take Wilmer Collins, negro, brought here today from Polk County, who is charged with attempted attack of six white women at Bartow Monday night.

The presence here of a considerable number of Polk county men, who arrived in automobiles during the afternoon and reports of threats to "get" Collins led Sheriff W. C. Spencer to prepare for any eventuality.

Sheriff John Logan of Polk county prevented a lynching soon after Collins was captured near Lakeland this morning. The negro was taken first to Lakeland and the sheriff and three deputies started with him from there in an automobile for Bartow. About 100 men overtook the sheriff's party in the country. Halting his car, Sheriff Logan faced the mob.

"Gentlemen," he said, "there will be no trouble. I know every man among you. I swear each and every one of you in as a deputy sheriff. It is your duty now to escort with me this prisoner to the jail at Bartow."

The mob was taken by surprise and stood by while the sheriff placed the negro in a faster car than his own and placing three deputies in car, told them to drive right through Bartow and head for Tampa. They soon outran the other cars and brought the prisoner safely to this city.

Collins was a "trusty" in the county jail at Bartow, serving sentence for a minor offense. He was sent on errand Monday and entered a house and attempted to attack a girl. Her screams frightened him away, and while he was being sought he went to five other houses with the same intent. He was captured, but escaped while a mob was taking him into the country.

**DENBY FINDS NAVY IN
VERY GOOD CONDITION**

Washington, April 5.—Secretary Denby, will return to Washington late today on the destroyer Pruitt from a two weeks visit to the Atlantic fleet at Guantananamo, Cuba, and navy and marine corps shore stations in Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo, the secretary sent the following message to the fleet and stations:

"The secretary of the navy upon leaving Caribbean water after a short but instructive tour of inspection, compliment the service on the highly creditable condition of the ships and shore stations. The men seem zealous and eager, the officers working hard for the good of the service. The secretary deeply appreciates the uniform courtesy with which he has been welcomed during his visit. Good luck to you all."

**BIRDS WINGING WAY BACK
NORTH WILL FIND 175,000
HOUSES FOR THEMSELVES**

New York, April 7.—Birds winging their way northward this spring will find 175,000 new houses built for them during the past year by boys and girls who are members of the 65,000 junior Audubon clubs scattered over the entire United States and parts of Canada. These youths are among the 1,500,000 members of the organization planted in kindergartens, grammar schools and among

groups of young Americans by the National Audubon Society.

Each club member after paying 10 cents as an initiation fee, starts acquiring knowledge of the appearance and habits of both songsters and the unmusical types of birds. Through picture books and hikes to woodland spots they learn to distinguish one kind of bird from another by the kind of feathery clothes they wear, and how also to tell them by their eggs, their nests, and sometimes by their chirps.

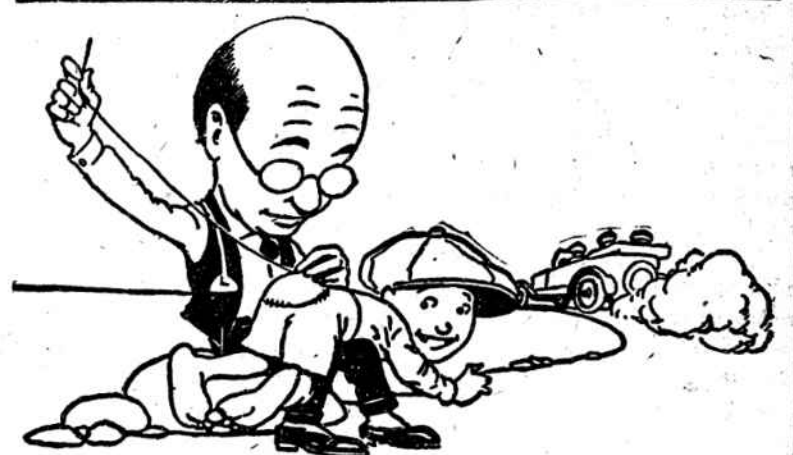
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